

FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED,  
THROUGH FAITH—AND THIS NOT FROM  
YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD.  
*EPH 2:8-9*



**May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**The Festival of Pentecost**



**Come, Holy Spirit**

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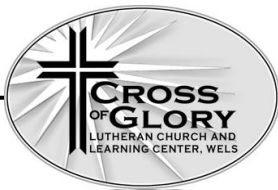
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**Welcome!** We are glad you are here with us today. Our service today follows an order of worship which places the spotlight on God's Word and its central message of peace through Jesus. You can follow the outline of the service in this worship folder. The hymn numbers refer to the red hymnal: Christian Worship (CW) or the blue hymnal: Christian Worship Supplement (CWS).

**Holy Communion:** We offer classes (Basic Bible Christianity) for those desiring to take the sacrament. If you are a newcomer, please take these classes before communing or speak with our pastor.

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## ORDER OF SERVICE: FESTIVAL OF PENTECOST

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**HYMN.....This Day at Your Creating Word (CW #229)**

*STAND*

**M:** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

### DIALOGUE OF PRAISE

**M:** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

**C:** **The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.**

**M:** Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

**C:** **If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.**

- M:** The Lord said, "My Spirit will not contend with man forever."  
**C:** **O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath.**
- M:** Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am faint; O Lord, heal me, for my bones are in agony.  
**C:** **Turn, O Lord, and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love.**
- M:** Jesus said to his disciples, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."  
**C:** **No one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.**
- M:** The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.  
**C:** **There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.**
- M:** Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.  
**C:** **Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!**

## COME, HOLY GHOST



1. Come, Ho- ly Ghost, Cre- a- tor blest, And make our hearts your place of rest;  
 2. To you, the Coun- se- lor, we cry, To you, the gift of God most high;  
 3. Your light to ev- 'ry thought im- part, And shed your love in ev- 'ry heart;  
 4. Drive far a- way our wi- ly foe, And your a- bid- ing peace be- stow;

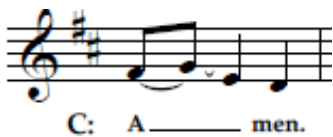


- Come with your grace and heav'n- ly aid, And fill the hearts which you have made.  
 The fount of life, the fire of love, The soul's a- noin- ting from a- bove.  
 The weak- ness of our mor- tal state With death- less might in- vig- o- rate.  
 If you are our pro- tect- ing guide, No e- vil can with us a- bide.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

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**THE WORD OF GOD**

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**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**FIRST LESSON.....Ezekiel 37:1-14**

*The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.<sup>2</sup> He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry.<sup>3</sup> He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "O Sovereign LORD, you alone know."<sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!'<sup>5</sup> This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life.<sup>6</sup> I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'"<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone.<sup>8</sup> I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.<sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'"<sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet-- a vast army.<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.'<sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: O my people, I am going to open your graves and*

bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel.<sup>13</sup> Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them.<sup>14</sup> I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.'"

**PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 51b**



**M:** O Lord, open my lips, \*

**C:** and my mouth will declare your praise.

**M:** You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; \*

**C:** you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

**M:** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; \*

**C:** a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

**Refrain**

**M:** Create in me a pure heart, O God, \*

**C:** and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

**M:** Do not cast me from your presence\*

**C:** or take your Holy Spirit from me.

**M:** Restore to me the joy of your salvation \*

**C:** and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

**M:** Then I will teach transgressors your ways, \*

**C:** and sinners will turn back to you.

**C:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**Refrain**

## SECOND LESSON.....Acts 2:1-21

*When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.<sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.<sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.<sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.<sup>5</sup> Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.<sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language.<sup>7</sup> Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?"<sup>8</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language?"<sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,<sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome<sup>11</sup> (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs-- we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"<sup>12</sup> Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"<sup>13</sup> Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.<sup>15</sup> These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning!"<sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:<sup>17</sup> "'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.<sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.<sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.<sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.<sup>21</sup> And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'*

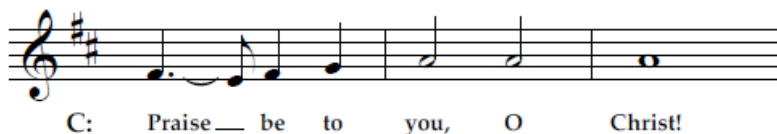
### THE VERSE OF THE DAY



## GOSPEL.....John 14:25-27

*But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.<sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*

**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*BE SEATED*

**HYMN OF THE DAY.....Holy Spirit, the Dove Sent from Heaven (CWS #723)**

**SERMON.....EZEKIEL 37:1-14**

*“Can These Bones Live?”*

**CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

**C:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**OFFERING**

*The members of Cross of Glory are happy to support its ministry with their financial gifts. If you are visiting us today, do not feel obligated to give an offering.*

*STAND*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M:** Praise to you, Holy Spirit. We worship and glorify you as the Lord and the giver of life. As you were present at the beginning of the world to shed life on all created things, as you gave a new life of understanding to the disciples in your Pentecost baptism of fire, so by the baptism of water with the Word, you have made the light of faith shine in our hearts to know Jesus as our Lord.

In thanksgiving for your gifts to us, we confess:

**C: I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.**

**But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.**

**M:** Holy Spirit, all-seeing Counselor and fountain of all spiritual gifts, stand by us in the weakness of our sinful flesh. Grant us a right understanding of the truths that Jesus taught. Give us strength to endure with patience whatever afflictions God may send into our lives. Help us, intercede for us, train us that we may pray to the Father with boldness and confidence. Preserve us by the power of your Word in our most holy faith as members of the Church, the body of Jesus, where there is forgiveness for all.

**C: In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.**

**M:** Holy Spirit, highest comfort in every need, in these gray and last days of the world, strengthen our feeble hands, steady our weak knees, encourage our fearful hearts. Remind us of your Word and promises: "Be strong; do not fear. Your Lord will come again. He will come to save you." And in your final, mighty, creative act, O Holy Spirit, raise up our bodies so that we, together with all the saints, may lift up our heads and with glorified eyes see our Savior drawing near.

**C: On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true. Amen.**

**M:** We join in the prayer your Son has taught us:

**C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**



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# THE SACRAMENT

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**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al so with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

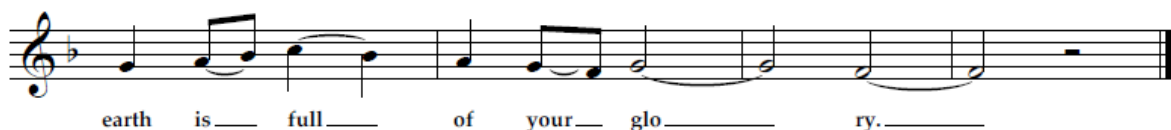
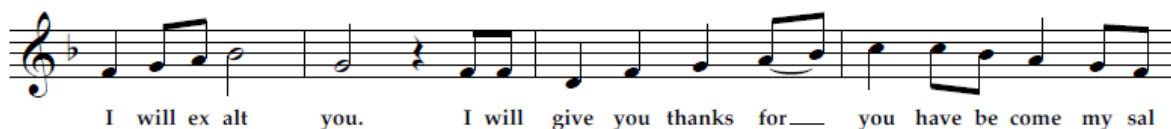
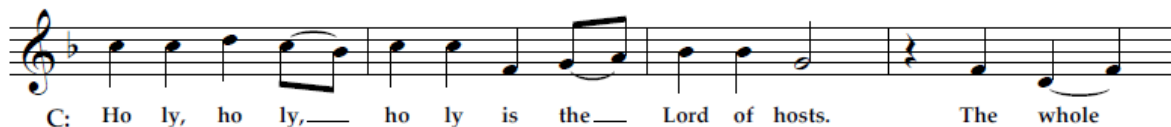


**C:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.



**M:** Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, he is the source, guide, and goal of our lives now and always. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*SANCTUS*)



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*AGNUS DEI*)



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the world; have mer cy on—



us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the world; have



mer cy on— us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a way the



sin of the world; grant us your peace. A— men.

## DISTRIBUTION (Hymn: Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled - CWS #759)

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### CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

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**M:** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



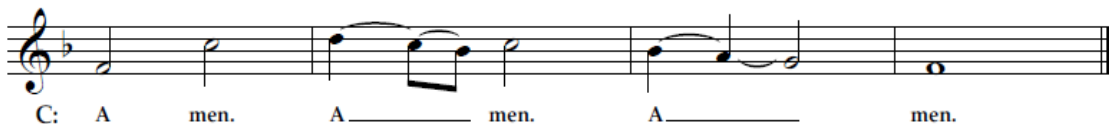
C: A— men.

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



**CLOSING HYMN.....There Is a Balm in Gilead (CW # 564)**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **MEASURE OF LOVE**

Last Sunday's Attendance : Worship: 40; Communion: 25.

Offerings to the Lord: General Fund Offerings: \$1360.

### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Sunday (5/31):	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Worship

### **SPECIAL ONE-DAY VBS ON JULY 25TH**



We are debuting a new format for our Vacation Bible School this summer. We will have a special one-day event on Saturday, July 25th. In the afternoon we will hold a camp for children with the theme "Faith Superhero Training Academy." There will be games, music, crafts, and inspirational stories of heroes of faith from the Bible. In the evening, everyone is invited for a barbecue fellowship event. Please save the date!